

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended to correct an obvious omission, as supported in the specification at the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 and page 19, line 12.

Claims 1-16 have been canceled.

Claim 17 has been amended by replacing "pigment" with --colorant--, as supported in the specification at page 11, lines 11-22, and consistent with the amendment made in the parent application.

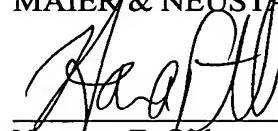
No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 17-19 are now pending in the application.

REMARKS

The application is now ripe for examination on the merits. An early examination is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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